



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Confirmation No: 1133

Minoru TAYA et al.

Attorney Docket No: 106145-00064

Serial Number: 10/621,458

Group Art Unit: 3616

Filed: July 18, 2003

Examiner: Ruth ILAN

For: APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING RIGIDITY OF VEHICLE BODY

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Date: October 18, 2006

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 19, 2006, and the telephonic interview conducted on October 4, 2006, and coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants request that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be **FURTHER** amended as shown below.

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2.

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